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PATENT
Docket No.: 016556-003210US

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By: 

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LI et al.

Application No.: 10/628,587

Filed: July 23, 2003

For: SINGLE PROMOTER SYSTEM
FOR MAKING SIRNA EXPRESSION
CASSETTES AND EXPRESSION
LIBRARIES USING A POLYMERASE
PRIMER HAIRPIN LINKER

Examiner: Shibuya, Mark Lance

Art Unit: 1632

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the office action mailed on January 27,
2006. A petition for a one month extension of time until March 27, 2006 accompanies
this paper.

In response to the request to elect claims, applicants respond as follows:

Applicants elect group III: claims 16-20.

With regard to an election of species, applicants elect:

the hairpin linker of GGGTTCGCCC where N₁ is GGG, N₂ is TTCG and
N₃ is CCC; and,

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